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Public Service Announcement/ Class Notes

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Fall Academy Starts to Train Disaster Workers

Elk Grove, CA – Train to be a resource to your family, neighbors, co-workers, and emergency responders should a disaster strike. Adults are invited to join Elk Grove's Community Emergency Response Team (CERT). Fall CERT training academies start September 19.

The CERT program provides training in disaster survival and rescue skills that empower average citizens to provide vital services when emergency resources are depleted in a disaster. Elk Grove CERT volunteers will receive weekly instruction in disaster preparedness, fire safety, disaster medical operations, light search and rescue, disaster psychology, CERT organization, and CERT and Terrorism by instructors from the Elk Grove Community Services District (CSD) Fire Department and the Elk Grove Police Department.

Academy participants must commit to attend class one night a week – Tuesday or Wednesday – from 6-9 p.m. Classes will be held at the CSD's Fire Department Training Facility at 10573 East Stockton Blvd. Each academy includes 24 hours of instruction and culminates in a final disaster training exercise from 9 a.m. to 12 noon on Saturday, November 4.

The cost for the course is \$25 and pre-registration is required. Register by phone at (916) 405-5300, online at www.egcsd.ca.gov, or in person at the CSD Parks & Recreation Administration Office (8820 Elk Grove Blvd.), Laguna Town Hall (3020 Renwick Avenue), or The Wackford Community and Aquatic Complex (9014 Bruceville Rd.). For CERT program details or additional information, contact Dan Quiggle at (916) 423-4792 or at CERT@egcsd.ca.gov

The Elk Grove Community Services District (CSD) is an independent public agency that oversees all parks, recreation, fire protection, and emergency medical services within a 106 square mile district, including the city of Elk Grove. Visit the CSD web site at www.egcsd.ca.gov and subscribe to the Friends of the CSD e-mail service to receive the latest news and special updates on CSD issues, events and activities.

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